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Dear Editor,

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Pressure On BSA Increases

Dear Editor,

There is a nation-wide coalition of regional Boy Scout Councils forming to pressure the national Boy Scout Board at a meeting in May. We know this from a New York Times article (February 27, 2001). Do you know regional Boy Scout Councils that would join with those Councils - New York, Philadelphia, Rhode Island, Minneapolis and others - who are pressuring for change at the national meeting in May? Do you know companies or individuals who represent those companies on the national Board?

While a list is not yet available the following people were on the Board last year: Anthony M. Burns, John C. Cushman, III (of Cushman Realty Corporation), Roy S. Roberts (the recently retired Vice President of General Motors North American Vehicle Sales), Milton H. Ward (recently retired chairman, president, and CEO of Cyprus Amex Minerals Co.), and Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. (Chairman & CEO of SBC Communications Inc.).

Do you know and are you willing to talk to these individuals, or others who know them in their companies? Do you know anyone on the national Board?

Is your regional Boy Scout Council willing to help change the national policy? Please speak with the Scout Executive of your regional Council and urge them to contact the Scout Executive of the New York Council at 212-242-1100. The New York Council is spearheading the coalition of councils pressing for change.

Can you help? Pass this message on. Time is critical.

Name Withheld

Health Newsletter Needs Work

Dear Editor,

Triangle Foundation thought your readers might like to see a letter we have sent to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan:

To: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

The most recent issue of Living Healthy presents three items with troubling flaws.

First, in the article about domestic violence your magazine encourages women to "consider getting away from the abusive partner" without telling your readers the risks. A vast majority of domestic violence homicides occur when the abused partner is trying to flee. This risk should have been mentioned. To ignore it is irresponsible and dangerous. If someone reads your publication and follows your advice without knowing the health risks, it

could be deadly.

Second, in that same article same-sex domestic violence was given only a token mention. Same-sex domestic violence is an invisible plague that needs to be exposed. How is it ever going to stop unless people start talking about the problem? Men DO NOT report domestic violence whether their partner is a woman or a man. Your magazine is doing a disservice by passing by the issue as do most others. Ignoring gay and lesbian health needs is insensitive, biased, and irresponsible.

Finally, in the article "Watch Out for Teens' SOS Signals" you offer suggestions on "decoding the signals." You make suggestions that a young person talk to their minister or a police officer. This is highly offensive and presumptuous. You assume that the young person has a religion, that they are religious, and that a minister or a police officer is an expert in counseling or behavior modification. If anything the minister may know very little about "promiscuity" and in many cases will discriminate against GLBT youth facing depression because of isolation and conflicts due to their sexual orientation.

We need to stop relying on armed, uniformed police officers to scare our youth. Most people already fear the police and most are not skilled in how to deal with youth that are acting out. Your magazine continues to show a lack of sensitivity to issues that it

claims to care about. We are deeply disappointed in Living Healthy and now read through it with caution. Please be more thoughtful in the future.

Sincerely,

Sean Kosofsky
Triangle Foundation
Director of Policy and
Victim Services

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Victory In Assembly Health Committee!

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SACRAMENTO, CA - The State Assembly Health Committee approved AB 194, written by **John Longville** (D-San Bernardino), by a 10-4 vote. The bill amended state law easing the process post-operative transsexuals must undergo to acquire a new birth certificate reflecting their new sex. Eight Democrats and two Republicans supported AB 194 including **Samuel Aanestad** (R-Grass Valley) and **Keith Richman** (R-Granada Hills). Aanestad also supported last year's version of this bill.

Previously, post-operative transsexuals were required to petition the court in their county of residence for an order to amend their old birth certificate. This clause was a major issue to transsexuals born in California but living elsewhere, since courts in other states can not order California courts to amend their records. Post-operative transsexuals may now submit their petition in the county of their birth.

Lambda Letters administrator **Boyce Hinman** said, "It is useless for someone now living in Chicago to go to a Chicago court asking that they



Assemblymember John Longville wrote and sponsored AB 194

order San Francisco County to issue a new birth certificate. The Chicago court lacks jurisdiction in San Francisco."

AB 194 passed the Assembly on Monday, March 26. Next the entire Assembly will vote it. Hinman expects the bill to pass since a similar bill passed in 2000 but was vetoed by Governor Gray Davis. Info. 965-6851, LambdaLetters.org ▼

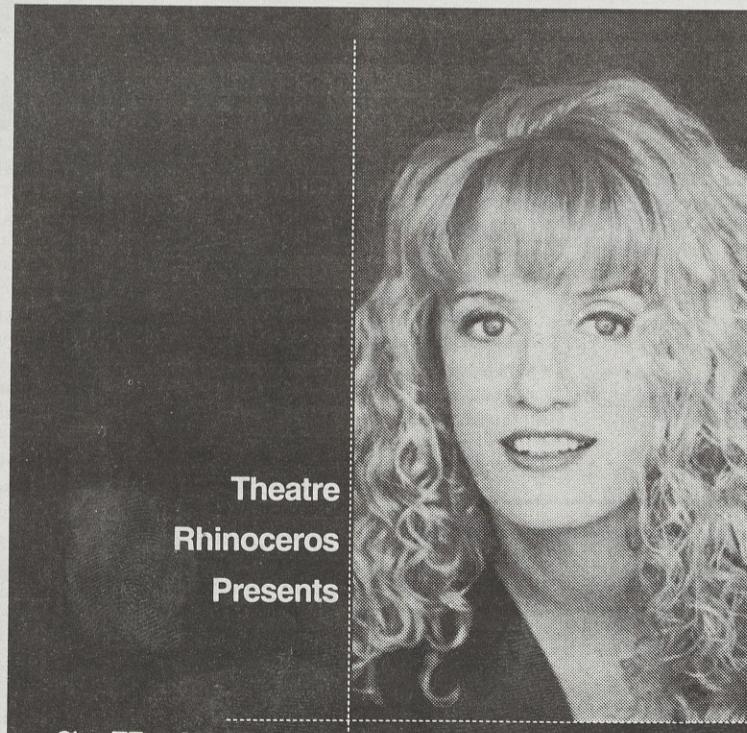
Soulforce Announces 2001 Direct Actions

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LONG BEACH, CA - Soulforce announced plans to escalate their Stop Spiritual Violence Campaign in 2001. Hundreds of supporters are expected to conduct vigils, teach-ins, and acts of nonviolent civil disobedience.

The following events will be targeted: Southern Baptist Convention from June 11-13 in New Orleans, Louisiana; Evangelical Lutheran Church National Convention from August 10-12 in Indianapolis, Indiana; Mormon Church National Convention from October 5-7 in Salt Lake City, Utah; and National Conference of Catholic Bishops from November 12-15 in Washington D.C.

Soulforce will also incorporate a "Faithful Dissenter's Campaign" into the direct actions. They hope to encourage GLBT people and allies to withhold all or a percentage of their usual contribution to denominations that discriminate against them. Soulforce is a national network of people of faith committed to applying the principles of relentless non-violent resistance to the liberation of sexual and gender minorities from religious policies that exclude and discriminate against them. Info. soulforce.org ▼



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Maryland Passes Civil Rights Legislation

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ANNAPOLIS, MD - Maryland became the twelfth state to ban discrimination against GLBT people after a conservative Senate committee passed SB 205, a bill that adds sexual orientation to the state's existing civil rights law. The bill was then voted on by the entire Senate and passed. Governor Parris Glendening vowed to sign SB 205 if it passed Senate. SB 205 does not include protections for transgender people.

Eleven states, including California and the District of Columbia, currently ban sexual orientation based discrimination in employment, public accommodations, housing, education, health, and welfare services. Minnesota and the District of Columbia ban discrimination based on gender identity. Legislators in twenty-one states this year are considering bills that would create or expand civil rights laws that include sexual orientation. Info. 202-332-6483, ngltf.org ▼

Matsui Supports Hate Crime Legislation

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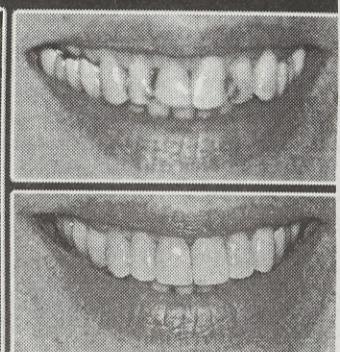
WASHINGTON D.C. - Representative **Robert Matsui** (D-Sacramento) joined members of the House and Senate in co-sponsoring the bipartisan Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act.

The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act will provide legal protection for residents in the seven states without any type of hate crime laws and residents of twenty states

with weak laws. It will also allow the federal government to provide funding for investigations at the state and local levels. Current law limits federal prosecution of a hate crime to federally protected activities, such as voting.

The federal government is prohibited from involvement in cases of crimes motivated by bias against the victim's sexual orientation, gender, or disability. Info. 202-225-7163 ▼

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Gathering Of Officials May Be Largest Ever

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WASHINGTON DC - The 17th annual conference of the International Network of Lesbian and Gay Officials (INLGO) will be held from November 15-18 in Washington, D.C. Organizers are planning for what may be the largest gathering of openly GLBT public officials in history. Gay and Lesbian Victory Foundation will co-sponsor the event with INLGO. "We are looking forward to a strong turnout - perhaps the largest we have ever had," said INLGO Co-Chair Mary-Woo Sims. "The conference provides a unique opportunity for our community's public servants to come together, share experiences and support each other."

The Victory Foundation is currently accepting pre-registrations for the conference from public officials. Elected and appointed officials serving at all levels of government are expected at the four-day conference, which will feature meetings and workshops on leadership training, skills-building and legislation.

Appeals Court Decides Domestic Violence Case

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BOSTON, MA - The Appeals Court has decided its first known case involving domestic violence between gay men. It ruled that a judge may not issue mutual restraining orders unless the judge makes written findings that the orders are warranted against both parties. The decision applies to all cases of domestic violence.

According to Mary Bonauto, a lawyer with Gay And Lesbian Advocates And Defenders (GLAD), "Mutual restraining orders are a hot topic, including in the gay community. This ruling is a positive step because mutual orders undermine the duty of the courts to discover who is the real victim of abuse and protect that person."

The case involved Samuel Ayer, a man who lived for a time with a male couple. According to Ayer, a pattern of abuse culminated in an argument on December 26, 1998. He left the home

The INLGO conference will be held at the Capital Hilton (1919 Connecticut Avenue NW), located three blocks from the White House. It will feature an awards dinner, at which a "Pioneer in Pride Award" will be presented to an exemplary office holder. At last year's dinner, Representative Tammy Baldwin, the only openly lesbian Congress member, presented an award to retiring Minnesota Senate President Allan Spear, America's longest-serving GLBT elected official. This year's recipient has not been announced. Carrying out its work through a board of public servants from around the world, with support from the Victory Foundation, INLGO sponsors annual conferences and educational events for elected and appointed officials. INLGO aims to foster communication among these officials to improve their ability to overcome discrimination and enhance their overall effectiveness in office. Info. 202-628-9151, inlgo@victoryfund.org

and obtained a restraining order against the couple. Three days later, the couple went to another court and obtained an order against Ayer. The judge ruled there was "abuse amongst all the parties here, and there will be mutual restraining orders." The judge never issued written findings and the Appeals Court lifted the order against Ayer.

GLAD filed an amici curiae brief which addressed issues of domestic violence among LGBT couples. They cited the court's tendency to decide that since parties involved are of the same sex, then they have equal power. Info. 617-426-1350, glad.org

Conviction Upheld Despite Trend Against Sodomy Laws

MGW Staff

HOUSTON, TX - A Court of Appeals overturned a ruling that found the state's "Homosexual Conduct" law unconstitutional, in a case involving the prosecution of two men accused of having sex in one man's home.

The case began September 17, 1998, when sheriff's deputies responded to a false report of an armed intruder. When they entered a private apartment they found the pair having sex. Both men were arrested and jailed for over twenty-four hours before being released on \$200 bond each. A county criminal court convicted John Lawrence and Tyron Garner of a Class C misdemeanor, which carries up to a \$500 fine. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund appealed on their behalf.

Last June, a panel of the appeals court held that the statute violates the Equal Rights Amendment of the state Constitution because it punished only certain couples for oral or anal sex without adequate justification. Texas has had a sodomy law since 1860, but decriminalized such activities by different-sex partners in 1974.

Texas is one of only three states, along with Kansas and Oklahoma, that prohibit consensual sex acts between same-sex partners only. Twelve other states still prohibit consensual oral and anal sex between different and same-sex

partners alike.

Arkansas County Circuit Judge David B. Bogard recently ruled that the state's anti-GLBT sodomy law was unconstitutional and overturned it. Bogard found that the law conflicted with the state's anti-discrimination laws since it punished only same-sex couples for

consensual sex. Offenders could receive up to one year in jail and a fine of \$1,000. The court found, "...the Sodomy Statute simply does not have equal application, it unjustifiably discriminates, and thus is unconstitutional." Info. 212-809-8585, lambdalegal.org

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DALLAS, TX - Global Exchange, Campaign Exxon-Mobil, INFAC, Rainforest Action Network, Co-Op America, Greenpeace, and TRAC invite you to their conference on challenging corporate power. Workshops and seminars will cover topics including corporate encroachment on democracy, treatment of workers, environmental pollution, and community involvement.

Under pressure from previous campaigns and conferences, Home Depot stopped carrying rainforest lumber, Ford and General Motors withdrew from the Global Climate

Coalition, and Starbucks was pressured into carrying Fair Trade Coffee. Numerous other companies have eliminated their sweatshops and withdrew financial support from South Africa.

"Empowering Democracy: Challenging Corporate Power and Demanding Accountability" will be held from May 27-30 at Radisson Hotel Central (6139 Stichter). The conference will end with a day of action. Applications must be postmarked by April 16. Financial assistance is available. Info. 1-800-497-1994 ext 355, empoweringdemocracy.org ▼

SLDN Urges Repeal Of Sodomy Statute

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WASHINGTON D.C. - Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) reported that they urged a commission chaired by Judge Walter T. Cox III to recommend repeal of Article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, decriminalizing sodomy between consenting adults. The commission will make its final recommendations to the White House and Congress in late May or early June. SLDN believes the policy "undermines good order, discipline and morale in our armed services."

Sharra Greer, a staff attorney with SLDN, testified before the committee that, "military commanders should not devote scarce military resources to policing the bedrooms of those who defend our country." Greer also noted that repeal of the military's sodomy statute, "in no way impedes our military from punishing other sexual misconduct, including assault, harassment or rape."

Article 125, prohibits both same gender and opposite gender oral and anal sex, regardless of whether activity is private, between consensual adults, or even between husband and wife. The penalties under Article 125 are severe. Offenders may receive a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement for five years. Greer noted in her testimony that, "punishment for sodomy is more severe than the punishment for negligent homicide, extortion, assault upon a child and aggravated assault with means other than a loaded firearm."

SLDN believes the statute is selectively enforced and unfairly targets LGBT service members. "SLDN's experience in matters of military justice leads us to conclude that the Cox Commission should recommend to Congress the repeal of Article 125." Info. 202-328-3244, sldn.org ▼

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Utah, Arkansas Vote On New Hate Crimes Legislation

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WASHINGTON D.C. - Utah's Senate voted 16-12 to reject SB 37, a hate crimes bill. However, it was recalled the next day and passed with a 21-5 vote. The difference was an amendment proposed by Senator President Al Mansell (R-Sandy), Senator Majority Whip John Valentine (R-Orem), and Senator Pete Suazo (D-Salt Lake City). It required that bias motivation be demonstrated by the defendant's actions at the time of the crime.

Previously, Senator Majority Leader Steve Poulton (R-Holladay) discouraged the bill citing concern it would punish actions, not affiliations. Senator Mike Waddoups (R-Taylorsville)

voted against the bill both times believing it would force separations between different cultural groups.

Arkansas' House Judiciary Committee voted 11-5 against a SB 35, a hate crimes bill that passed the full state Senate. Sponsor Senator Bill Walker (D-Little Rock) hopes to recall the bill, which was written by the state Attorney General's office. Arkansas is one of seven states with no bias crime legislation at all. Critics of the bill included a Baptist pastor that claimed the bill's inclusion of crimes based on sexual orientation discrimination would offend Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Actually, King worked closely with GLBT activists until his death. Walker attributed the bill's defeat to the spread of such misinformation. Info. 501-682-2902 ▼

ACLU Launches Equality Toolkit

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NEW YORK CITY, NY - As momentum builds nationwide for passing civil rights laws barring discrimination against LGB people, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) launched an activists' online action center and a new advertising campaign.

The Equality Toolkit includes extensive practical tips on passing civil rights laws and fair employment laws at local and state levels. It also includes background information on religious liberty issues and protections for transgendered people. ACLU's most recent advertisements discuss the lack of federal laws barring anti-LGBT discrimination and the fact that only eleven states currently have comprehensive civil rights laws. Info. 212-549-2568, aclu.org/gayrights ▼

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Federal Court Dismisses Religious Challenge

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LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal court dismissed a doctor's lawsuit that sought to strike down a local ordinance he claimed violated his religious liberties and free speech rights. Dr. J. Barrett Hyman, a Baptist gynecologist, sued the city of Louisville and Jefferson County two years ago stating that a law preventing him from discriminating on the bases of sexual and gender identity punished him for his religious beliefs.

Hyman was represented by Pat Robertson's American Center for Law and Justice. Last year, the United States Department of Justice filed a friend-of-the-court brief finding against Hyman. They stated that if his suit prevailed, the government's ability to enforce civil rights laws would be jeopardized.

Ordinances in Louisville and Jefferson County include exemptions for religious organizations that do not receive government funding. The federal decision struck down all of Hyman's complaints including freedom of speech, religion, and association claims. Hyman has not announced whether he will appeal the decision. Info. 212-549-2568, aclu.org ▼

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TEHRAN, IRAN - Faisal Alam, President of Al-Fatiha, an international activist organization, reported that at least 4,000 LGBT people have been executed in Iran since 1979. Alam said that most Muslim countries enforce laws against homosexuality. Penalties range from fines and imprisonment to lashings and execution. Alam believes that his figures are conservative estimates. Info. al-fatiha.net ▼

Gays Decapitated In Saudi Arabia

ABHA, SAUDI ARABIA - Three men from Saudi Arabia and three men from Yemen were recently convicted and executed because of their sexual orientation. Amnesty International members are concerned that the men were killed only for offenses related to their sexuality. The men were beheaded on two separate days. Info. pazyliberacion@hotmail.com ▼

SANGAMA Seeks Donations

BANGALORE, INDIA - SANGAMA is a sexuality resource center focusing on the rights of GLBT people. It is the only such center in the country. They offer sensitization workshops and organize public lectures and film screenings. Their goal is to help GLBT people accept their sexual orientation and live healthy lives. They are seeking donations of any useful materials, including books, publications, posters, and computers. Info. admin@dsangama.ilban.ernet.in ▼

Same-Sex Adoption Law Passes

NAVARRA STATE, SPAIN - Parliament passed a law allowing same-sex couples to jointly adopt children. All "stable" couples were granted the same legal rights and obligations heterosexual married couples. Entiendes, a GLBT advocacy group, reported that the law specifically recognized same-sex couples as equal. Info. pazyliberacion@hotmail.com ▼

Gill Begins People of Color Initiative

Denver, Co - The Gill Foundation is seeking organizational nominations for its Urban LGBT People of Color Organizations Initiative. The initiative seeks to advance the social justice movement by strengthening LGBT people of color organization. The Foundation will invest \$1 million to develop selected organizations. Nominations must be postmarked by April 27. Info. 303-492-1377, gillfoundation.org ▼

Analysis Of Civil Unions Act

SOUTH ROYALTON, VT - The Vermont Law Review's new twenty-fifth anniversary volume, Vermont Civil Unions, examines the history, politics, and law behind the state's pioneering same-sex legislation.

Controversies and legal milestones are recounted, and predictions for future directions are offered, through a comprehensive collection of articles, essays, and primary source materials. Info. 802-763-8303 ext. 2253, mjordan@vermontlaw.edu ▼

Youth Group Seeks Materials

MOSCOW, RUSSIA - The Lesbian and Gay Youth Association is seeking books, magazines, and other materials on homosexuality. The group maintains a library, holds support meetings, and offers courses on self-defense. Their activities seek to empower and enrich the lives of GLBT youth. They are also seeking information on grants the group may be eligible for. Info. pazyliberacion@hotmail.com ▼

Gay Webmasters Imprisoned

CAIRO, EGYPT - Engineer Sami Gamal, 27, and accountant Gameel Gebreel, 32, created a web site with photos of themselves inviting men to contact them for sex. They were convicted on February 20 of committing an indecent act after an unidentified person reported them to authorities. The court stated that they "abused technological revolution to do their disgraceful act" and claimed that they "defamed" the nation. Gamal was sentenced to three years in prison and Gebreel to fifteen months. ▼

Lesbians Given Death Sentence

BOSSASSO, SOMALI - The daily Qaran Newspaper reported that an unidentified lesbian couple were sentenced to death by local courts for "exercising unnatural behavior." The women were convicted of pretending to be husband and wife. Local criminal code is based on Islam's Sharia, which calls for the death of men convicted of homosexual acts. There have been few executions for offenses in the area, but tradition calls for pushing LGBT people either off a roof or collapsing a wall onto them. ▼

March For Reproductive Freedom

WASHINGTON D.C. - National Organization for Women (NOW) will hold a march on Saturday, April 22 in Upper Senate Park beginning at 11am. A rally will be held after the march at 1pm. NOW Lesbian Rights Field Organizer Catherine Bitney hopes the action will show Congress that women are still willing to fight for safe, legal abortion, self-determination, and reproductive freedom. Info. 202-628-8669, ext. 0, march@now.org ▼

Sex Workers Demonstrate Against Extortion, Abuse

VERACRUZ, MEXICO - Over 200 transgender and female sex workers blocked entrances to City

Hall in protest of police abuse and discrimination. Several weeks before, Mayor Jose Ramon Gutierrez de Velazco instructed police to keep sex workers out of the downtown area. Protestors requested a meeting with Velazco, but he refused. Protestors claim police frequently demand a portion of their earnings to continue working and commit sexual and physical assault against them. Info. 415-255-8680, iglhrc.org ▼

Governor Demands Equal Rights

AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO - Governor Felipe Gonzalez Gonzalez insists that the rights of all LGBT people will be protected in his state. His announcement was in response to city officials that posted signs at a recreation center prohibiting homosexuals and animals. Info. revistaodisea@latinmail.com ▼

Walt Whitman Ride Announced

DALLAS, TX - The second annual Walt Whitman One Hundred Bike Ride will be held Saturday, May 19 beginning at 8am. Participants may choose a route of 100 miles, 100 kilometers, 25 miles, or ten miles. Proceeds will be used to create student scholarships for the Walt Whitman Community School Foundation, the only private high school in the country for GLBT adolescents. The school relies exclusively on private donations fundraising since it receives no federal, state, city, or school district support. Info. 214.801.5947, WaltWhitman100.org ▼

Bullying A Problem Nationwide

WASHINGTON D.C. - Kaiser Family Foundation, Nickelodeon, and Children Now conducted a survey of 1,249 parents and 823 children ages eight to fifteen-years-old between December 7, 2000 and January 18, 2001 by telephone. Of respondents, 74% said teasing and bullying occur at their school, 51% of eight to eleven-year-olds said discrimination is a big problem, and 46% have heard or made threats of violence. Most parents had spoken with their children about alcohol, drugs, discrimination, teasing, and bullying but few discussed puberty or reproduction. Info. 202-347-5274 ▼

Jewish Group Founder Resigns

WASHINGTON D.C. - Bernard Cherkasov, founding executive director of the National Union of Jewish LGBT Students (NUJLS), will resign at the end of his three-year term. Cherkasov was elected in 1998 to establish and lead the group. The search for a new director has already begun. NUJLS expects to select a successor by August 1, 2001. Info. 617-875-3112, njls.org ▼

Liberation And PlanetOut Cancel Merger

PlanetOut and Liberation Publications stopped their merger process citing unstable market conditions. PlanetOut's value peaked at \$30 million last year, but now may be worth less than half as much. PlanetOut's merger with Online Partners is still occurring, so a merger with Liberation Publications may be unnecessary. Info. planetout.com ▼

New Guidelines Released

WASHINGTON D.C. - The federal government released a new guide that provides information to providers of substance abuse treatment for GLBT individuals. Over 20,000 copies were mailed to facilities nationwide. Titled A Provider's Introduction to Substance Abuse for GLBT individuals, the 189 page book was produced by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). It offers recommended interventions, case histories, prevalence data, and treatment guidelines. Info. 202-797-3517, wwc.org ▼

New Psychiatric Policy

GUANGZHOU, CHINA - Psychiatrists have decided to stop classifying homosexuality as a mental disease. New guidelines were issued this month by the Chinese Psychiatric Association that dropped all references to homosexuality as a disease. The new standards state that homosexual behavior is not abnormal as long as the individual is accepting of their orientation. The guide will still suggest treatment guidelines for people that are not accepting of their sexuality. Info. hkma.com.hk ▼

Landmark Report Released

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association with assistance from dozens of other health organizations has compiled the first ever report on the state of LGBT health. The Healthy People 2010 Companion Document for LGBT Health is a 500-page book written for health care consumers, providers, researchers, and government agencies. It addresses model programs, resources, and recommendations. A companion document focuses on approximately 120 objectives and twelve focus areas from the main book. Info. 415-255-4547, glma.org ▼

Men Banned To Cut Violence

BOGOTA, COLUMBIA - Men were banned from the streets on a recent Friday night as a social experiment to cut violence. Mayor Antanas Mockus grounded men in the city so that they could reflect on their role in one of the world's most violent countries. Police reported only one murder as opposed to four on a normal Friday in the city of six million people. Mockus hoped to hold regular and compulsory women's nights, but lawyers said that would violate the country's constitution. ▼

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Women Holding Davis Accountable for BSA Funding

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DAVIS, CA - Shelly Bailes and Ellen Pontac have been leading the fight against city support of their local Boy Scouts of America (BSA) troops for about four years. The City of Davis has a non-discrimination clause that prohibits association with any organization or business that discriminates on the basis of religion or sexual orientation. BSA policy prohibits atheist and gay members.

BSA was leasing a meeting place for a dollar or less per year. The city wanted to use some of that land to create a new turn lane. The city agreed to pay BSA \$80,000 to buy the rest of their lease, but publicly denied it for six months. Eventually, Mayor Ken Wagstaff admitted that he forgot the deal was finalized in a private meeting.

Bailes and Pontac believe the deal violates the city's non-discrimination clause. The City agrees, but states that the contract can not be cancelled since it has already been finalized.

The women are now focused on preventing a second rental agreement between The Rotary Club, BSA, and the City. A stipulation of the BSA's lease buy out is that they must give money received from the City to The Rotary Club in order to build a new city community center. Bailes and Pontac are suspicious of the arrangement since the City knows that the new building will house BSA once they relocate. The City responded that The Rotary Club will manage the building and they can lease to whomever they choose.

"If the City is obeying the letter of the law, they certainly are not obeying the spirit of it," said Pontac. "But I still think we are making our case. BSA members said that they are 'under siege.' They said that people yell things at them. I think the tide has turned. We are doing what we can to affect the national policy. If all of the troops that didn't want to discriminate stood up, the BSA would have to change." ▼

NOW Takes Over Capitol!

MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA - The Sacramento chapter of National Organization for Women (NOW) will hold their annual conference titled "Time To Thrive: California NOW and Into the Future" from April 20-22. The event will take place at Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn (300 J Street). Topics will include domestic violence, hate crimes, pay equity, and abortion rights.

NOW will also sponsor a screening of *Live Nude Girls Unite*, a film by feminists Julia Query and Vickie Funari. The documentary covers the life of a peepshow dancer and efforts to unionize the industry. The screening will be held at the Crest Theatre on Saturday, April 21 at 9:30pm. Info. 442-3414, sacnow.org ▼

Rainbow Bridge To Hold Speaker Training

MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA - California Rainbow Bridge (CRB) will hold its next speaker training on Sunday, April 22, 2001 at 10am in Carmichael. The workshop will be limited to twenty people and interested speakers should call for event location.

"This is the first time we will be utilizing our Speaker Training

Lavendar Library Announces April Events

MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA - Lavender Library, Archives, And Cultural Exchange (LLACE) will celebrate April's designation as National Poetry Month with an open mike on Friday, April 20 at 7pm.

The World of GLBT Films and Videos will meet through July on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7pm. The group will watch selected new releases and classic movies then discuss characters and research background information. The April 24 meeting will include a viewing of 1922 silent film *Salomé* written by Alla Nazimova.

For the first time ever, the State Department of Parks and Recreation will release a June Pride newsletter. They are seeking nominations of Californians that have made a significant contribution to the national or local GLBT community.



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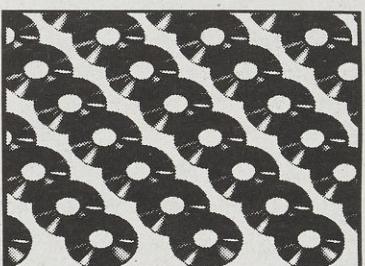
Sacramento Valley AIDS Walk Takes Fresh Steps

MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA - The Sacramento Valley AIDS Walk will be held on September 9, 2001. Sponsors include CARES, Breaking Barriers, AIDS Housing Alliance, Chemical Dependency Center for Women, and Capital City AIDS Fund.

In the past, the event's proceeds benefited only two local organizations. This year, all agencies in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, Butte, Yuba, Nevada, and Alpine Counties are invited to apply for funds. Walkers can designate that their funds go to one particular agency or

become part of a general fund. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are still available. Interested volunteers are encouraged to contact any participating agency. Info. 800-583-1134 ▼



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PFLAG Celebrates Nineteenth Anniversary

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SACRAMENTO, CA - Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will celebrate their nineteenth anniversary on Tuesday, April 17. The meeting will begin at 7:30pm at St. Mark's Methodist Church (2391 St. Mark's Way). The program will include a panel of representatives from area churches and discussions on the health and well being of LGBT people, their friends, and families. Info. 978-0410, sacmentopflag.org ▼

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Arts Commission Releases Grant Winners

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SACRAMENTO, CA - The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission awarded \$700,699 to fifty-one local organizations through Cultural Arts Awards and Community Enhancements Grants. Funded by the City and County of Sacramento, these programs provide partial financial support for project of general operating expenses.

Organizations receiving grants must meet high standards of artistic quality, demonstrate organizational accountability, and perform outreach programs. This year's winners include:

Organization	Amount
Beyond the Proscenium	\$2,146
Camellia Symphony Association	\$12,527
Dale Scholl Dance Art	\$11,841
Lambda	\$3,379
Ruth Rosenberg Dance Ensemble	\$16,626
Sacramento Choral Society	\$18,735
Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival	\$2,885
Sacramento Master Singers	\$11,712
Sacramento Men's Chorus	\$5,702
Sacramento Taiko Dan	\$17,674

Gay Games VI Progress As Expected

MGW Staff

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA - The Federation of Gay Games has reported at its annual meeting that a sponsorship program and fully accessible facilities were confirmed for the sixth Gay Games in November 2002. Almost 200 people attended the meeting with first-time representatives from Argentina and Samoa.

Residents of Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Montreal, cities planning to bid for the 2006 games, also attended to review Sydney's amenities.

However, organizers have found the New South Wales state government resistant to cash funding requests. Plus the Chief Executive position is still open after **Garrie Gibson** resigned in December. Until a permanent replace is selected, Sports Director **Stuart Borrie** is serving as Acting Chief Executive Officer.

"The Gay Games is a good investment, wherever it's held," said Co-President **Bill Wassmer**. "The

cities of Amsterdam in 1998 and New York in 1994 released economic impact statements proving that this event isn't just an opportunity for athletes and artists to get together. The Gay Games pump a huge amount of money into the local economy." Tourism New South Wales has projected that the event will boost the state economy by AUS\$100 million.

Qantas, Gay.com, Aussie Bodies, Hero Magazine, the City of Sydney, and Hertz have already agreed to sponsor the games. So far, they have contributed approximately AUS\$4 million. State and local government sources are providing office space, organizers still need to raise almost AUS\$2 million to meet budget projections.

Online registration is scheduled to begin March 1. About 14,000 people are expected to participate in the 2002 games. Launch parties are being organized around the world, including Amsterdam, Boston, Denver, Johannesburg, and Paris. Info. 212-226-1573, GayGames.com ▼

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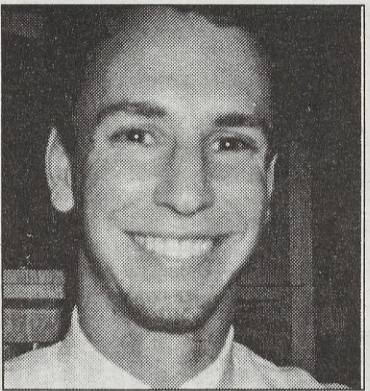
What Is The Best April Fools Joke That You Have Ever Participated In?

By Ed Kelley
MGW Staff



Wendy Notsinneh
Sacramento, CA
Chief of Staff

Our office had five co-workers and we had a new receptionist. All our staff was next door calling in notices that we would be out for the rest of the day. We walked in to a crying receptionist shouting "April Fool!"



Loren Griffith
Sacramento, CA
Legislative Aid

During college at lunch we distributed a flyer to everyone in the cafeteria that painted my roommate as a seductive Don Juan whose cello playing no one could resist. His love life has never recovered!



Shari Twidwell
Sacramento, CA
Messenger

I told my mom and a bunch of my friends that I had been artificially inseminated that morning!



Andrea Jackson
Sacramento, CA
Capitol Chief of Staff

In college during spring break we removed all of the furniture from a friend's dorm room. We put down plastic and poured in water and Jello then replaced the furniture and let it sit. He took it well.



Alan LoFaso
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When I was on my high school's newspaper editorial board, we printed a mock feature story about another student's sex change operation. It seems politically incorrect now but it was pretty racy in 1982!

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The Zone Plays PSA's Against School Bias

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SACRAMENTO, CA — After a DJ was fired for making a homophobic remark on air at The Zone 100.5, station manager Jeff Salgo is attempting to make amends by playing public service announcements designed by Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). The station has already aired a one-

hour segment regarding anti-GLBT bias in schools and a second segment on PFLAG.

The Zone recently agreed to air fifty announcements for GLSEN over the next five weeks. Salgo hopes that their effort will have positive effects among listeners. PFLAG and GLSEN members appreciate the station's endeavor. Info. 733-2135, sacglsen@aol.com ▼

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Hopland Women's Festival Announced

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HOPLAND, CA - The tenth annual Hopland Women's Festival will be held from June 1-3 at Full Moon Ranch. Women and girls only are invited to camp on 560 acres and participate in a craft fair and workshops. Scheduled participants include Sandy Mobile, Margy Henderson, Willow Allen, Mikaya Heart, Laura McCamy, and Afia Walking Tree. Terese Taylor, Amy Meyers, Elana Dykewoman, Cole Rowan, and Marta Dee will perform on the day stage. Vegan meals will be offered and individual grilling is allowed. RVs are welcome. Childcare is not available. Info. 707-523-9593, hoplandwomensfestival.com ▼



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UK To Pay All Crime Victims' Partners

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LONDON, ENGLAND - Planet Out news staff reported that Britain's Labor Government will recognize same sex-couples by rewriting its crime compensation benefits to allow survivors to collect provisions for the first time. Home Secretary Jack Straw and Lord Bassam announced the proposal on February 17 at a Glasgow conference. It went into effect April 1.

Pressure for the amendment began after the 1999 bombing of Admiral Duncan pub in Soho. Julian Dykes lost his wife Andrea, and was compensated. However, his friend Gary Partridge lost his partner John Light, but Parliament did not approve of compensation in his case.

Members of the Opposition Conservative Party have already begun rallying against the proposal. Although a gay male won tenancy rights once in court, there has been no widespread recognition of same-sex couples. Currently only parents, children, spouses, and heterosexual

cohabitants of at least two years qualify for the government benefit. Sebastian Sandys, a member of GLBT advocacy group Stonewall, said, "This is a hugely significant move, both as a landmark and in application to people's lives. It shows something about the value attached to lesbian and gay relations and is the biggest boost to equality between gay and heterosexual relationships since the equalization of the age of consent." Info. stonewall.org.uk ▼

Najoma Attempts Expulsion Of GLBT People

MGW Staff

WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA - President Sam Nujoma ordered police to arrest, imprison, and deport all GLBT citizens despite the country's constitution prohibiting such acts. His announcement was prompted by a sudden increase in the country's AIDS infection rate. GLBT people suspect that they will be deported to South Africa, where they will be offered legal protection.

Namibian Society for Human Rights called Nujoma's order dangerous. They hope innocent citizens will not be subjected to violence or discrimination as a result. Info. nshr.namweb.com.na ▼

Ashcroft Meets With Gay GOP

MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA - Muriel Dobbin of The Sacramento Bee reported that Attorney General John Ashcroft may not be as bad as originally expected. Ashcroft recently met with members of American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Log Cabin Republicans, and expressed interest in ending racial profiling. He also plans to meet with African American law enforcement officials.

Ashcroft's critics feared that he would put his religious and personal beliefs above federal law leading to poor enforcement of abortion clinic accessibility laws and laws against discrimination against minority groups. Info. 202-456-1414 ▼

Netherlands Passes Historic Amendment

MGW Staff

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS - The Dutch government replaced the phrase "husband and wife" with the word "partners" in their civil marriage law making the country the first to remove any gender specifications in its civil marriage law. The legislation

passed last year, but did not go into affect until April 1, 2001. The amendment was the result of fifteen-years of campaigning by GLBT people and allies. The ensuing same-sex marriage ceremonies drew few protesters.

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after their third anniversary and are eligible for all inheritance, pension, tax, and divorce rights. The law only applies to nationals and resident foreigners living with a Dutch partner. Info. marriagequalityCA.com ▼

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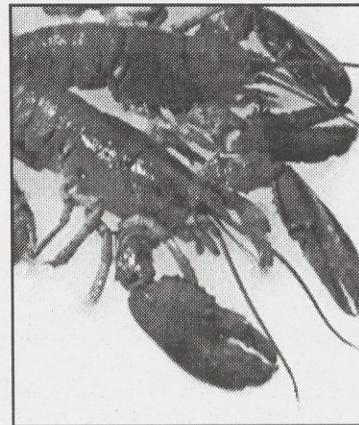
By Randy Hartley
MGW Staff

Only twenty minutes from downtown Sacramento, lies an unexpected oasis on the Sacramento River - Holsworth's River Walk Café. Combining good food and service it is worth the short drive to this fine restaurant.

Any stress that you may have is left at the door, as the atmosphere is reminiscent of being at a lodge or vacationing somewhere far away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Terry Sidie, owner of Faces Nightclub, owns and operates Verona Village with his partner **Kerry Holsworth** (thus the name). Terry, Kerry, and their staff have worked hard to make your dining experience relaxing and memorable.

Greeted by our host, Terry, we were ushered to the bar for an antipasto appetizer of fresh meats, cheeses, and condiments while we enjoyed a drink with bartender, Mark. When the table was ready (the restaurant was full that evening) the waiter presented a menu

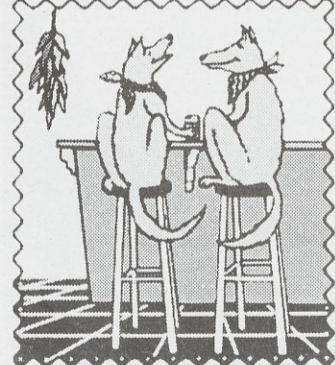


with ample variety making the drive and wait disappear. As soon as we were seated, fresh bread and butter appeared as we gazed out the window at the scenic inlet (and river) on which the restaurant sits.

Chefs **Benn Pasquini** and **Alex Lichine** have prepared a menu to please most palates. From appetizers, soups, and salads to delicious entrees that include pasta, chicken, seafood, beef, and lamb. Holsworth's is known for its Australian Lobster Tail that is offered at 1/2 pound for \$24.95 and a full pound for \$37.95. Other entree items range from about \$14 to \$20.

We ordered Prime Rib and Italian Fried Chicken. Both meals were nicely presented and prepared. The Prime Rib was ample, moist and well flavored. The chicken was perfectly done and moist. A bottle of Rodney Strong Merlot complimented both of our dinners.

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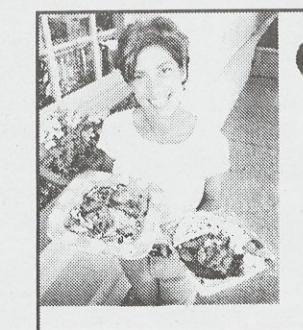
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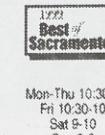
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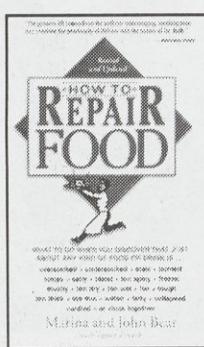
There are probably thousands more that discuss the intricacies of any given nationality's cooking.

But this is the only book that will tell you how to repair what the previously mentioned books encourage you to attempt.

No matter what you've done, this will get you out of it. When you're really crunched, this book's organization will become a lifesaver. Look up the previously edible item you mangled, then skim down the alphabetical list of disasters for a emergency-designed solution. Did you forget zucchini was boiling and not you have a pile of greenish muck? No worries - make delicious soup with the recipe already at your fingertips. Do you need to make sandwiches but the only loaf of bread available is super-stale? Believe me, you can resurrect it in three easy steps. Are you four steps into a five-step cake and realize you have no eggs? There is a list of replacements, containing

items most would never suspect, that will still lead to a great cake.

Above all, I appreciate that the authors stress the chef should never apologize to diners. If you act like your disaster was intentional, chances are everyone will think it was. If you use any tips in this book to harvest your burned, melted, or crumbly food, everyone will be too busy eating a savory meal to even care. ▼



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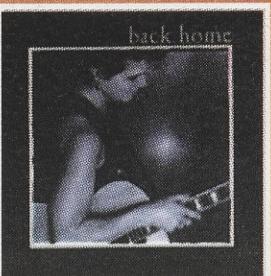
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A SACRAMENTO AREA NEWSPAPER FOR WOMEN & MEN OF THE GAY COMMUNITY & FRIENDS

Mom...
Guess
What...!

Brown To Issue Gay-Rights Order

KIENNS (AP) — Gov. Brown announced Sunday he would issue an executive order against discrimination in state employment. Brown, an independent, is the California Democratic Caucuses' candidate. He would sign an executive order this week to prohibit discrimination in state services on the basis of sexual orientation.

The governor addressed the legislature's move early in the session after a continuing conflict between him and conservative lawmakers over gay rights, including a "no-families" amendment to a state pension Sunday. Wallace Allard, his spokesman, said:

Gay Pride Parade Set for Sacramento

The George Sand Community Benefit Fund has obtained a parade permit on March 21, 1979, so that planning could begin for Sacramento's first Gay Parade. The parade will be held on Sunday, June 17, 1979, before the Gay Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco. Starting from 14th and L streets, participants will march down J Street.

The idea of a parade received a favorable response when it was brought up at the board meeting of the George Sand Fund, one that organization's founders in 1978, Allard said.



Where We Were In April 1979

MGW Staff

Governor Edmund G. Brown moved to ban discrimination against GLBT people in state employment...Tony Martin was interested in forming a group for handicapped GLBT people...The second National Gay Health Conference met at Hunter College in New York City...Gay People's Union of California State, Chico planned an awareness week...Disco bar Upstairs/Downstairs charged the Sacramento Police Department with harassment after two consecutive raids...The George Sand Community Benefit Fund obtained a permit for a June Pride Parade...Sacramento Chapter of the Golden Gate Business Association held their first meeting...Baptist minister Reverend B.W. Timberlake led a campaign against a right to work bill for GLBT people...Joan Reiss and Senator Omar Rains pitched in to help clean up discarded plastic beverage containers...Greg Loe encouraged everyone to contact the Governor and legislators and show support for pro-GLBT bills...Mary Watkins and Linda Tillery performed at the Roseville Fair-grounds...MGW critic Laurence Press reviewed Xochimilco's Mexican cuisine...Assembly-member Art Agnos discussed politics with Sue Diehl...Chuck Bentz offered house cleaning services...Joseph's

Restaurant advertised their all you can eat Thursday night dinner...The Steam Works was "A Place To Be Free!"...CSUS Gay People's Union and Bisexual Support Group hosted a discussion panel on bisexuality...National Organization for Women held a discussion group on psychiatric drugs...Shireen Miles sought support for the Employment Rights Amendment...CSUS Women's Resource Center held a Celebration of Women Writers starring Theresa Corrigan...Senate Minority Leader William Campbell backed Governor Brown's support of GLBT people...David Mayhew and Sandy Cappelletti showed their art at Earhat's Café...G.N.I.E. candidates Bob and Tina hosted a find raising Disco Bump Night at Joseph's...James K. Graham compiled a list of GLBT business owners, which included insurance agent Cindy Jannson, carpet layer Ron Lucker, realtor Zana S. Blazer, and restaurant owner Paul Fitzgerald...Fun Productions hosted a GLBT night at Marriot's Great America...Steven Badeau offered lobbying tips. ▼

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Golf?
The Party's Not
On The Green!!

Dottie Pepper visits the "First Major LPGA Championship of the year. See story on page 1."

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Where We Were In April 1998

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Sacramento Police Department offered a reward for information leading to the arrest of whoever killed Alicia West...Reverend Lou Sheldon came under fire for fighting against AB 222, a bill that would increase safety at state public schools....In Antioch, a fifteen-year-old boy was cited for committing a hate crime when he assaulted fourteen-year-old Daniel Ray...In Richmond, the GLBT community was troubled by the decapitation of Henry Edward Northington...Russell A. Henderson pleaded guilty when charged with the murder of Matthew Shepard...George W. Bush publicly announced that he does not support adoption by same-sex couples...Crime Victims United of California lead a march on the Capitol to focus on National Crime Victims Week...National Press Club voted to allow domestic partner benefits...Several civil rights leaders met with Attorney General Janet Reno...Almost 200 same-sex couples married on the steps of City Hall in San Francisco with Mayor Willie Brown's blessing...The fifth annual Waterfront ArtFest was held in Old Sacramento...Tickets for the fourth annual Garden and Yard Tour went on sale at The Gifted Gardener and Capitol Nursery...Author Valerie Mason-John spoke at The Open Book...Capital City Squares welcomed new caller Vern Weese...CAP/PAC held a spring reception at Michaelangelo's Restaurant to recognize the union of Ellie Charlton and Jeanne Barnett...Robert Bork wrote Slouching Toward Gomorrah after he was denied a seat on the Supreme Court...Over 8,000 women were expected at the twenty-fourth annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival...National Organization for Women joined over seventy women's organizations at the Lesbian Rights Summit in Washington D.C...A GLBT youth prom was scheduled at the Universal Sheraton...Christian Action Network attempted to place a scarlet letter on all television programs containing GLBT content...Arizona Representative Steve May introduced legislation that would ban the sale of Pentium III microchips...The Citizen, a publication of Focus On The Family, claimed that hate crimes are extremely rare...MGW editor Randy Hartley reviewed The 33rd Street Bistro...Drew Carey was nominated for a GLAAD Media Award...Jenny Jones was accused of ambushing a talk show guest...Thirty members of Youths Against the Promotion of Homosexuality protested Dawson's Creek after a sixteen-year-old character came out...Garneau's Dinner Theatre presented Sleuth directed by Matthew Mahan...Cherub Productions sponsored a One In Ten screenplay competition...Dottie Pepper won the Nabisco Dinah Shore LPGA Tournament...MGW critic Stefan Grunwedel reviewed Relax...It's Just Sex and Blood, Guts, Bullets, and Octane...Sacramento's City Council voted unanimously to create new off-leash dog parks...A panel of physicians held a free public forum on HIV and hepatitis. ▼

ENTERTAINMENT

Let's Do The Time Warp Again

By Casper Van Charlemagne
MGW Staff

Memento. Starring Guy Pearce, Carrie-Anne Moss, and Joe Pantoliano. Directed by Christopher Nolan. (Rated R, 116 min.)

Playing with time structure in film is nothing new. From the first, simple use of flashbacks in the 1920s through more modern (and well noted) examples like *Go*, *The Limey*, and (of course) *Pulp Fiction*. Flashbacks, flash forwards, and time cuts have become a rather common narrative tool.

In fact, maybe too common. One of last year's most experimental films, *Timecode*, did nothing to distort time at all, opting instead to let everything play itself out in real time without so much as a single cut

or edit.

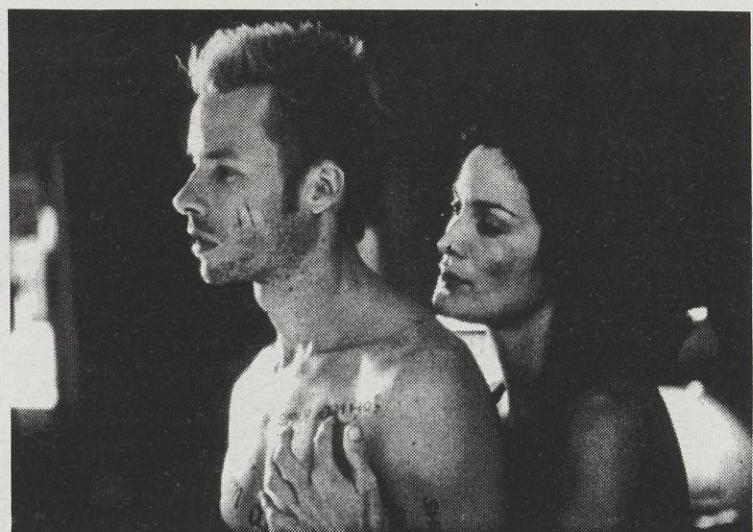
What does this all have to do with *Memento*? Plenty. This is easily the most ambitious use of time fracturing you're likely to see this year. In fact, it is so ambitious that its complexity prohibits it from being fully explainable. Suffice to say this: imagine a murder mystery where, instead of figuring out how it ends, you have to figure out how it began. A puzzle in reverse. A mobius loop with three extra sides. Sound confusing? It is a little, but you'll have a helluva time playing with it.

In *Memento*, Guy Pearce (*LA Confidential*) plays an insurance fraud investigator tracking down his wife's killers. It sounds like a simple enough revenge flick, but here's the catch: he was injured in the attack too and can't remember anything for

more than a few minutes at a time. He uses a Polaroid camera and dozens of homemade tattoos just to keep the facts straight.

That is about all I can tell you plot-wise. Other characters, including some straight out of the Jim Thompson playbook, weave in and out. Who they are and what they do are woven so deeply into the plot itself that it would be hard to mention them without giving away too much.

This isn't your standard murder mystery. This is a painfully clever, taut, modern-day noir that will have you biting your nails at every frame. Nothing is at all what it seems. In the end, the movie will have you questioning your own memories of it. In fact, it may even have you questioning memory itself.



Guy Pearce and Carrie-Anne Moss star in *Memento*.

Ultimately, that is its only shortcoming: *Memento* wraps itself up so neatly in the end that it nearly implodes into nothing. With a poof it's gone, leaving very little for aftershave. However, don't let that dissuade you. See *Memento* at once. ▼



Starring Juliette Binoche and Daniel Auteuil in *The Widow of Saint-Pierre*.

Waiting For Guillotine

By Stefan Gruenwedel
MGW Staff

The Widow of Saint-Pierre. Starring Juliette Binoche, Daniel Auteuil, and Emir Lusturica. Directed by Patrice Leconte. (Rated R, 107 min.)

Patrice Leconte's *The Widow of Saint-Pierre* is a French historical drama set on a desolate, icy island near Newfoundland. Though based on actual events, it plays like a fable. The story unfolds decisively, like fate. And tragic ironies come crashing down on the players before they understand what hit them.

Prison warden Jean (Daniel Auteuil) allows his idealistic wife Pauline (Juliette Binoche), whom he adores, to befriend a convicted murderer, Ariel Neel Auguste (Emir Lusturica), as he awaits his execution. Jean doesn't even lock the guy up. His wife and Auguste tend plants in a greenhouse and run errands together.

In all, Jean and his wife are pretty enlightened for 1850, which the town's leaders have trouble

understanding - or appreciating.

Jean can't behead Auguste right away, as the judge's sentence decrees, because the guillotine (a "widower" in French slang) first has to be requested and then shipped from Paris. While everyone waits, Auguste gets on friendly terms with the simple townsfolk and on very friendly terms with some of the women. After one dramatic rescue attempt, he even becomes their hero. This leaves Jean in a political tight spot, and perhaps as condemned as the prisoner if he goes against the orders to proceed with the execution once the guillotine arrives. In trying to save Auguste, the warden's wife risks losing both him and her husband.

Although the story is intriguing and the scenery is beautifully photographed, *The Widow of Saint-Pierre* is quite a downer. Unless you love tragic ironies, or hanker to see Binoche partially naked, you should probably skip this film.

The Widow of Saint-Pierre is scheduled to open April 13th at the Tower Theater. ▼

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ENTERTAINMENT

Always Make A Good First Impression

By Nicole Macshafii
MGW Staff

Along Came A Spider. Starring Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter, Michael Wincott, Penelope Ann Miller, and Dylan Baker. Directed by Lee Tamahori. (Rated R, 104 min.)

I can begin by saying that I didn't care much for *Kiss The Girls*. It lacked suspense, horror, and defined the word "predictable." Unfortunately, *Along Came A Spider* suffers from the same problems.

The movie begins with an awful computer animated car crash. If the studio could not produce a high quality special effect, they should either skip the effect or crash a real car. What was supposed to be a seat gripping introduction actually only turned me off to the rest of the film. The rest of the movie stars Morgan

Freeman as a "damaged" detective in Washington D.C. When a Senator's daughter is kidnapped from her school, the appropriately psycho abductor draws Freeman into the case by leaving the girl's shoe in his mailbox. For the record, the shoe is never mentioned again and questions it raises are not answered.

Several high tech clues hint at where the girl is, but I was bored by then. I was frustrated by references to the Charles Lindbergh abduction that were not fully explored then mysteriously disappeared from the movie's plot. Also, it was obvious within the film's first thirty minutes that some of the important characters did not have honorable intentions. Watching Freeman miss such obvious clues made me tired. *Spider* is boring, transparent, and I do not recommend it. ▼

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MGW Staff

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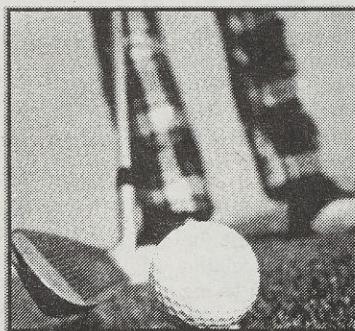
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OUT WITH PETS

Brushing Your Cat For Health And Happiness

By Randy Jamison
MGW Staff

Cats have a wide variety of coats: long, short, coarse, or fine. All hairs must shed at some point - for indoor pets, shedding of old hairs and growth of new ones happens almost continuously.

To facilitate shedding so that you have some control, and equally important, for the health of the skin, regular brushing or combing is a must. Cats swallow large amounts of their own hair as they self-groom. By regularly combing their coats, you can help minimize the risks of hair accumulation and subsequent hairballs, or even gastrointestinal obstruction. Metal combs are much more efficient than bristle or metal slicker brushes. If combed frequently, most cats appear to enjoy it - especially in the vicinity of the cheeks and necks. But pay attention to your cat's responses, combing or petting in the abdominal area annoys many cats.

Grooming is particularly important in your longhaired cat because of the fine texture of the coat and its tendency to form mats. In addition to looking unkempt, matting can lead to skin problems and even to inappropriate elimination (because of the discomfort of defecating through knots of hair). Grooming also helps to remove loose hairs before they are accidentally swallowed as your cat licks herself. Your cat may have learned to dislike

being groomed because it requires restraint of some kind and because the combing or unsnarling of knots can hurt, in spite of your efforts to be gentle. Over the course of time some cats react with more resistance and agitation even to the sight of a comb. What can you do to help your cat without traumatizing her?

In some cases the best strategy is to bite the bullet and have that pretty coat clipped off at a veterinary hospital while your cat is comfortably sedated. A clipped coat can be quite comfortable for longhaired cats, and a welcome respite from chronic matting. Annual haircuts are usually sufficient, although the hair will grow back within six months.

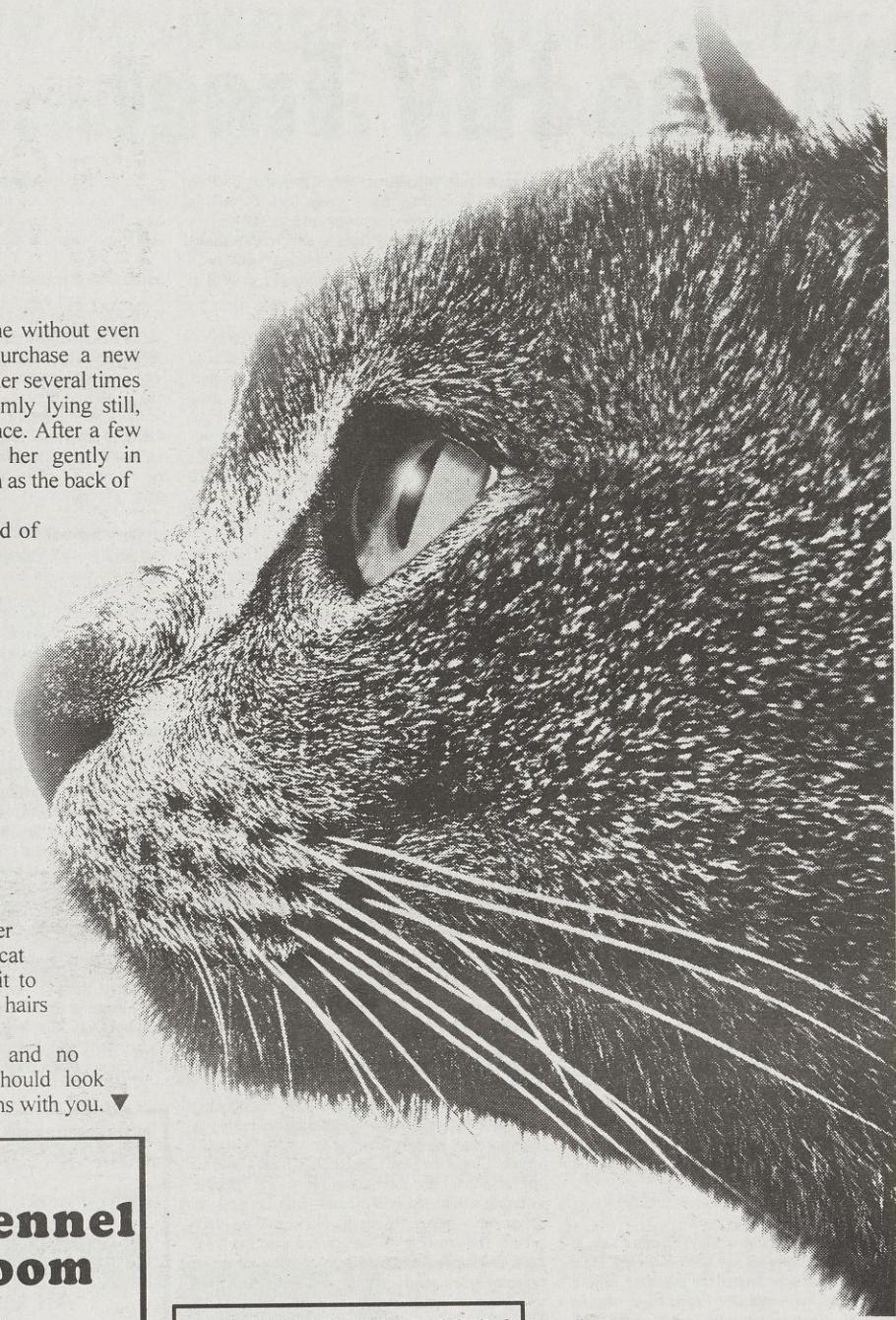
If a short hair coat is not what you had in mind, you might examine the grooming methods you're currently using. To start, if the knots are significant, your veterinarian might at least remove these under sedation without clipping the entire coat. Otherwise you will have to remove them using blunt-ended grooming scissors. The alternative is mat-pullers, which is uncomfortable to cats.

Once the mats have been removed, regular combing with a wide-toothed

metal comb can be done without even restraining your cat. Purchase a new comb and lay it beside her several times a day while she is calmly lying still, petting her in its presence. After a few days, begin to comb her gently in shorthaired regions such as the back of her neck.

Try to avoid any kind of forced restraint and limit these sessions to times she is resting or when she is rubbing against your leg - in other words, any time she is purring. Gentle, brief sessions (no longer than two or three minutes) can teach her to enjoy being combed. As a secondary tool, purchase a chamois grooming mitt and, after introducing it to your cat in the same way, use it to gently "pet" the loose hairs from her coat.

With persistence - and no restraint - your cat should look forward to these sessions with you. ▼



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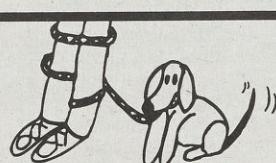
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HIV NEWSLINE

On The HIV Front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

New guidelines change treatment time frame...

Starting HIV and AIDS medications can safely be delayed until the T-cell count drops below 350, or until the viral load is greater than 55,000, suggests the latest (February 2001) edition of the federal government's Department of Health and Human Services guidelines. Previously, the guidelines had suggested initiating treatment when T-cells fell below 500 or plasma levels exceeded 20,000 copies.

SAF moves...

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation is now located in Suite #5 of an apartment complex at 2411 F Street. The phone number (448-2437) is the same. This number can also be used to reach Julianne, long-time Director of the Hand-to-Hand Project, regarding information about training as a volunteer for the Hand-to-Hand Project (to be matched with adults), the Little Hands project (to be paired as a friend to the child of an adult client, or even to a young client with HIV), or to obtain a buddy/match for yourself should you be interested.

Gay Republican named to top AIDS post...

President Bush has named Scott Evertz as director of his Office of National AIDS Policy. For the past three years Evertz, 38, has been the president of the Wisconsin Log Cabin Republicans and is a former director for an AIDS ministry. He says his office will first focus on identifying why the infection rate is so high within the country's African American community. If it's related to the stigma within that community about homosexuality, then he wants to look at how AIDS education can prevent this. Evertz is the first gay person to head up this office, begun in 1994, and is the first openly gay official in the Bush administration.

The new President is also changing the structure of the White House AIDS office. It will soon include a State Department staff member and a staff member from the Department of Health and Human Services. The inclusion of two cabinet agencies will allow the AIDS office to concentrate both on domestic policy and on AIDS-related issues overseas, particularly in Africa.

Plant sale canceled...

Bob Hamm's scheduled May 12 plant sale at the 21st Street parking lot has been canceled. Bob, who for years has coordinated the events to benefit AIDS charities, says that due to the huge amount of physical labor required to put together the satellite venue, all future plant sales will be conducted from his home on Center Parkway, near Mack Road (open Thursday through Monday, call 429-8315 for info). He has several thousand new plants in stock, so remember to include this nursery when you're plant shopping. Thanks, Bob!

Quilt featured at Lavender Library...

The AIDS Quilt is the featured exhibit through May 8 at the Lavender Library, open Thursday and Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday 12-6pm (1414 21st Street). Call Gail at 492-0558 for details or regarding exhibiting historical information about your local organization.

HIV Update and Forum Tues, May 8 at MedCenter...

Five of Sacramento's great HIV physicians will be on the HIV Update panel from 7-9pm at the UCDMC cancer center auditorium (45th and X Street, off Stockton Blvd) on May 8. Childcare will be available. For details, call Guillermo at CARES (448-3299, x-1400).

The panel will be preceded by an HIV community forum on 'HIV Reporting' with HIV health services directors Juan Ruiz and Jim Creeger. Forum is at the same site, starting with refreshments at 5pm, and presentations from 5:30-6:30pm. For details on the forum, call Karen Olson (875-6403).

Free parking in Lot #17. If you need transportation, call Breaking Barriers at 447-2437 before May 1.

First state fully covers HIV treatment...

Massachusetts residents with HIV who earn less than \$17,000 a year will be the first in the nation to receive full health benefits. Previously a diagnosis of AIDS was necessary to be fully

insured, but legislators there are the first to officially recognize that it costs less to provide long-term HIV preventatives and treatments to stave off AIDS, than it does to fund medications for advanced disease situations. About 1,000 low-income folks with HIV in that state now qualify to receive the benefits.

Marking the milestone - but how to do it?...

Although many recall losing loved ones during the late 1970s to infections and diseases later identified as symptoms of AIDS, it wasn't until June 1981 that the Center for Disease Control began officially recording the number of cases and number of deaths in the U.S. attributed to AIDS. And as the twentieth anniversary of the AIDS epidemic nears, activists around the world are finding themselves sometimes at odds on how best to commemorate the occasion.

In San Francisco, some grassroots activists and smaller AIDS organizations are in disagreement with a proposal by Mayor Willie Brown's office to adorn City Hall with the largest red ribbon ever to be tied in remembrance. The plan, called "Marking the Milestone: 20 Years of AIDS," calls for the ribbon to be unveiled by Brown on June 5 during an event featuring the reading of names of people who've died of AIDS, guest speakers, and the ringing of church bells. It's supported by some AIDS organizations such as Open Hand, but other city activists say that, at a time when AIDS services are being drastically cut, a giant red ribbon is a waste of money.

Activists of the group Survive AIDS, which has chosen instead to host its own twenty-year commemoration, say, "This is not something you mark with a lavish display." They say their remembrance will be very simple, very stark, and will focus on volunteerism and the way the city has responded to AIDS.

At this highly emotional time, other well-respected groups in other areas may find themselves encountering the same issue of quiet simplicity versus grand events and political activism.

Canada addresses third-party marijuana issues...

Canada's federal government is introducing legislation that will make it legal for third parties to cultivate and supply marijuana to seriously ill people. Under the new legislation, which would be implemented no later than July 31, people suffering from major illnesses will be able to designate a person to grow marijuana on their behalf. The growers will be granted a license from the Canadian government that will allow them to possess, grow and supply small quantities of marijuana without fear of criminal prosecution. The move is in response to concerns that the country's Controlled Drugs and Substances Act did not address the issue of marijuana for medical purposes.

Merck's new vaccine uses unique approach...

Merck Pharmaceuticals says it's excited about the company's experimental AIDS vaccine. It appears to be able to control the virus in lab monkeys by stimulating the release of killer T-cells to destroy infected cells. The company's approach is unprecedented in that it involves stitching pieces of HIV into the internal genes of the virus that causes the common cold. While it's possible that the vaccine might be able to provoke the immune system into subduing the virus indefinitely, the drawback is that it cannot completely destroy HIV. It's hoped that human clinical trials will prove as successful as the monkey experiment.

Researchers try to tackle fat accumulation problems...

Of all the mysteries of AIDS, one of the most difficult to crack is lipodystrophy, a breakdown in the normal ways the body processes and stores fat - leaving many with flat butts or puffy stomachs or other body changes. A recent study found that 63 percent of folks taking anti-retrovirals developed lipodystrophy. Some people never get it, but in others, the body fat reacts to the medication right away causing not only cosmetic changes, but also diabetes, high cholesterol, heart and vascular disease, and fatty, fragile bones. None of the fifteen AIDS drugs on the market seem entirely free of risk. Since so many folks are now living longer with HIV, researchers are trying to pinpoint which effects are drug-related, and which are simply the consequences of aging.

While they're attempting to do so, AIDS activists lobby for even faster FDA approval of HIV drugs

to fight the epidemic in impoverished nations where few have regular access to good medical care. Perhaps a moment might be taken to think about just what it is they're asking for.

South Africa president comes around...

A controversial panel appointed by South African President Thabo Mbeki to look into the causes of AIDS has accepted the premise that the country's AIDS epidemic is caused by HIV infection, "pending the outcome of further research." Mbeki was widely criticized for appointing dissident advisers who question the link between HIV and AIDS, to the panel formed more than a year ago, and for denying the use of anti-retroviral drugs in the country's public health system on cost and safety grounds.

Mystery solved? HIV may hide in thymus...

The ability of HIV to sidestep anti-AIDS drugs by hiding dormant in the body has long frustrated scientists. Even when medications can make HIV nearly non-detectable in the body, residual amounts are always present, somehow evading the medications, thus making it impossible to rid the body of HIV. UCLA researchers say they've now made a giant leap forward in solving this mystery with mouse research on the thymus, the organ that transforms immature bone-marrow stem cells into the mature T-cells that HIV targets.

Starting with the theory of a possible parallel between the fluctuating activity levels of T-cells during development and the fluctuating activity level of AIDS virus in the body, the researchers noted, "Young T-cells start off highly active, then slow down as they mature. When they leave the thymus and enter the blood, they circulate in a resting state until confronted by a cell-specific foreign particle-or antigen-which awakens them for attack. If HIV invades the thymus, the organ will begin producing HIV-infected T-cells. Similarly, these T-cells would mature, disperse and hibernate in the blood until awakened by the antigen. Only this time, the antigen would switch on the cell and virus simultaneously." Because HIV cannot infect mice, the researchers implanted

the mice with human thymus tissue, which began producing T-cells.

Then the researchers injected HIV into the implant and waited for the infection to spread. Infected human T-cells were harvested from the thymus tissue, deposited in a culture dish and HIV-fighting protease inhibitors and AZT were added immediately. These drugs prevent the virus from spreading to other cells, and in this experiment simulated the condition of a person on anti-retroviral therapy. Then the team measured the amount of HIV expressed by the cells before and after stimulating them with agents that imitate confrontation with a T-cell specific antigen. Within twenty-four hours after stimulation, the cells' expression of viral genes jumped 30-fold. Within three days, nearly 20% of the cells began expressing HIV proteins. "We knew that reactivating the cells with antigen would switch on HIV gene expression," say the researchers. "But we never expected to see such a striking increase." This proved two things: "First, it shows that thymus cells contain dormant HIV infection. Second, it confirms that HIV exploits the thymus as a breeding ground for latently infected immune cells."

The UCLA team then tested whether cells infected with latent HIV were able to leave the thymus and enter the bloodstream. The researchers removed human T-cells from the mouse's blood and spleen and then stimulated the cells. These cells also switched on and expressed HIV, confirming that the cells had traveled from the mouse's HIV-infected thymus. "Because our earlier research proved that the thymus remains active until late in life, these findings suggest that the thymus provides a continuing source of latent AIDS virus in the body. We think we've solved part of the mystery of where latent cells come from."

Most importantly, the theory provides researchers with a tool for testing the effect of new therapies to target latent HIV in the body, as well as to study how latent viruses behave in T-cells. ▼

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WELLNESS

Broken Hearts Must Mend

By Lydia Mendoza, LCSW
MGW Staff

Dear Dr. Love,

My partner and I recently broke up because she said she was not ready for a relationship, but simply wanted to date. I just found out she is in a relationship with another woman. I feel lied to and betrayed and am having a hard time getting over this.

Yes, it sounds as if your partner did lie to you about her reasons for leaving your relationship. Now it is time to focus your attention on yourself and what you want.

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a partnership and what kind of partnership you want. You have chosen someone who not only speaks of wanting to simply date but who it seems is unwilling to speak her truth. Is this the kind of relationship you want? How have you lied to or betrayed yourself in your relationship with her? How have you discouraged truth-telling? In focusing your attention on yourself, you will gain knowledge about yourself in relationship that will help you in making changes in the future. ▼

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HEALTH

Creative Responses To Homophobia: Transforming Barbs Into Benefits

By Dr. Jeffrey Chernin
MGW Staff

In the middle of February during the year's coldest temperatures, hundreds of same-sex couples locked lips in Ann Arbor, Michigan. No, their lips weren't locked as a result of tongue-freeze. The gay community of Ann Arbor held a Kiss-In as one of a series of peaceful responses to the homophobic hate-mongers who blew into town.

And yes, it was the infamous, ubiquitous **Fred Phelps**, leader of the Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) who had come to hold anti-gay protests. Prior to their arrival, queer community groups mobilized to come up with some creative responses.

A local restaurant and bar called /aut/Bar (pronounced "out bar") was one of four protest sites targeted by the WBC. The bar pledged \$1.00 for every minute that Phelps and his group protested. Happy for the hateful intruders to stay a while, employees of /aut/Bar kept WBC members warm by providing free coffee. At the end of the day, /aut/Bar raised over \$6,500.00 for their local LGBT Political Action Committee.

This reminded me of the "angels" who spread their wings over WBC members who held hate-filled signs at **Matthew Shepherd's** funeral. The angels spread their wings to block WBC's offensive messages from mourners.

As another example, the male half of a heterosexual couple verbally

harassed some gay people while walking past a GLBT bar in Philadelphia. Before the couple knew it, a queer throng descended on them. Suddenly, a drag queen ran out of the bar holding a balloon bouquet. Instead of becoming violent, the atmosphere turned festive, and the relieved couple was eventually freed.

These actions lead to two questions. The first question is, is it better to bash back? Is it better to devise violent verbal or physical responses to the violence against us?

Because as everyone everywhere has witnessed, violence as a response to violence seems only to generate more violence. Look at the endless eye-for-eye reprisals of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Conversely, think about the worldwide sympathy for the Palestinians if they had developed a plan of passive resistance in response to Israeli aggression.

Also, nonviolent resistance has a more positive and longer lasting impact. Consider **Mohandas Ghandi**, **Nelson Mandella**, **Martin Luther King Jr.**, and the **Dalai Lama**. **Tich Naht Hahn** created a place for war-weary South and North Vietnamese to rest during the Vietnam War. **Sister Juana Inez de la Cruz**, a "heretic" who lived in the late 1600's, was an astronomer, inventor, poet, and painter. She dared to defy the church by reading and writing! Her poetry has endured for four centuries, and her work is still popular in many countries.

The second question is, in the realm of possibility, what creative responses to homophobia are yet to be developed? What ideas can transform even the most harmful acts into something positive for our community?

The answers are starting to be realized by Soulforce, a non-profit organization based on satyagraha, or relentless nonviolent resistance. Organized by **Dr. Mel White**, Soulforce is dedicated to teaching and applying principles of nonviolence in the cause of justice for LGBT individuals. See their website at soulforce.org for their mission and programs.

Other answers will be realized by putting our heads together to develop constructive responses. I would like one outcome of this column to be ideas for nonviolent responses to hate.

Please allow me to start with two ideas. The first one is to kick Ann Arbor's action up a notch by utilizing their fundraising formula in every community. When WBC or any other hate-group comes to your town, make sure the community raises a ton of money and rains queer kisses upon them till they go home to religious activities like feeding the poor.

The second idea is to stage an annual marriage protest to inform the general public of our desire to legally marry. The tactic is for you and your partner to go to your courthouse and for each of you to get married to a queer couple of the opposite sex (be sure to go over the legal particulars in your locale!). Shortly afterward, all of the married couples would return to their local courthouses on the same day to annul the marriages in protest.

Those are my two ideas. Now, I'd like to receive yours. E-mail me your ideas for responding to homophobia, and I will print the best and brightest in a future column. ▼

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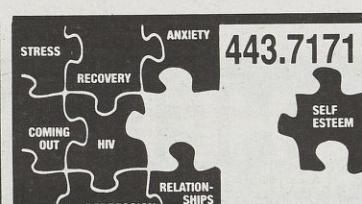
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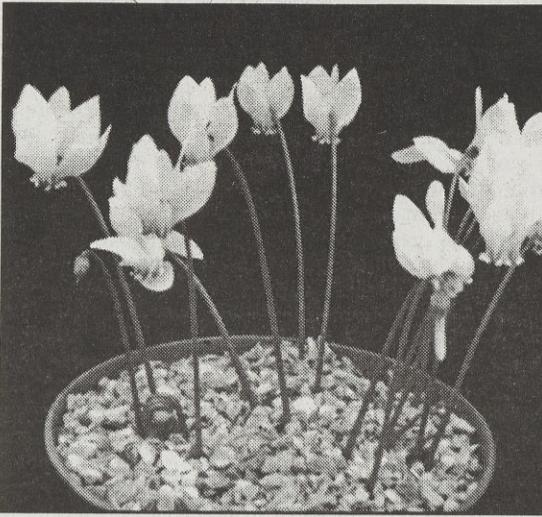
Avoid These Spring Garden Mistakes

By Robert Hamm
MGW Staff

Early spring is a big gardening time and unfortunately also a time that unwitting mistakes are made. An example is pruning - while many trees and shrubs are pruned in late winter and early spring, some items should not be pruned with the rest. These are spring bloomers, such as ornamental forms of fruit trees grown for their flowers. Flowering Plum, Cherry, Peach, Pear, Flowering Quince, Forsythia, and other early blooming shrubs such as Azalea, Rhododendron, Pieris, and Witch Hazel are in this group. These plants set buds in autumn so pruning before blooming only removes flower buds. These items should be pruned immediately after blooming with spring vines Wisteria and Jasmine.

Another common spring mistake is going to the nursery to buy plants for your summer garden and buying winter growers that will die as soon as our weather warms up. Examples often seen are Pansies, Cyclamen, Primrose, Calendula, and Linaria. These are only for short-term color in the spring - they are usually fall planted for color from fall through late spring. Unfortunately, they are not marked in nurseries and beginners often get caught buying these bright but brief items.

Perennials are often pruned or divided in early spring, but some should not be. Tree peonies set fall buds and winter trimming or spring pinching just removes your flower buds. Early spring bloomers such as Trollius, Bletilla (Hardy Chinese Orchid), and others are best moved either in fall or right after blooming. On to things that should be done now. Perennials, such as Penstemon and



Cyclamen are often purchased at nurseries for their beautiful color and delicate blooms. However, they are winter bloomers and will die as soon as spring weather approaches. Most nurseries fail to mention this to beginning gardeners.

Coreopsis, are overgrown can be cut back hard now for more compact plants. Plants that can be divided in early spring include Coreopsis, Japanese and Siberian Iris (not Bearded), grasses such as Misanthus, Fescue, Chasmanthus, and rushes such as Juncus and Carex, Daylilies (Hemerocallis), Toadlilies (Tricyrtis), Cannas, and Asters.

A special note on dividing grasses - most dormant warm weather grasses will have very few live roots. Even small divisions pulled apart from the parent plant with just a touch of root will produce new roots as soon as growth commences with warmer weather. It is amazing how small a piece will quickly produce a plant with warmer weather.

For gardeners who would like to



Japanese Iris can be divided now to begin preparing your garden for the spring growing season. Perennials can also be cut back now to produce more compact plants in several months.

learn plant propagation and help AIDS charities at the same time, giving some volunteer time at the growing area in South Sacramento can give you a chance to do both. I am

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LGBT SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Trinity United Methodist Church, 285 E. Fifth St., Chico, 530-872-3105
HAWAIIAN CHIEFTAIN TALL SHIP, thru Apr. 25, 1pm, Old Sac., 800-401-7835
PERFORMING ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY EASTER BRUNCH, 11:30am, 11435 Simmerhorn Rd., Galt, 209-745-2606
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SUNRISE SERVICE, 6:30am, McKinley Rose Garden, 601 Alhambra Blvd., 452-5016

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MONDAY

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EASTER SERVICE, 10:30am, 5265 H St., 452-5016
CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC HEALTH FREE HIV TESTS, 6pm, Rainbow Community Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 800-479-9664
FRONTRUNNERS & FRONTWALKERS FUN RUN, 6:30pm, McKinley Park, 974-8199
HIV POSITIVE GAY MEN & THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Rainbow Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 925-609-546
MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185
MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, 6pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

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TUESDAY

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS MEETING, 6:30pm, location to be announced, 421-6209
PFLAG 19TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, 7:30pm, St. Mark's Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 978-0410
SIERRA STAMPEDE MEETING, 6:30pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185
SOLANO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, 1325 Travis Blvd., Ste. G, Fairfield, 707-449-0847
WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 452-3909

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WEDNESDAY

AMER. LEADERSHIP FORUM EXEMPLARY LEADER AWARD DINNER, 6pm, Radisson Hotel Ballroom, 500 Leisure Ln., 455-1044

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AMERICAN RIVER THEATRE; A Midsummer Night's Dream, Apr. 20-29, Jack and the Giant, May; 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8234
ARDEN PLAYHOUSE; Under the Yum-Yum Tree, Apr. 20-June 23; 2120 Royale Rd., 927-0942
CALIFORNIA MUSICAL THEATRE; Fosse, May 8-19; Annie Get Your Gun, June 5-10; The Music Man, July 9-15; Teaching Through Musical Theatre Institute, July 9-15; Into The Woods, July 16-22; Teaching Through Musical Theatre Institute, July 16-22; Mame, July 23-29; Annie, July 30-Aug. 5; My Fair Lady, Aug. 6-12; Fiddler on the Roof, Aug. 13-19; Show Boat, Aug. 20-26; Wells Fargo Pavilion, 1419 H St., 557-1999, 446-5880
CALIFORNIA WIND ORCHESTRA; Courtly Dances, Apr. 28; call for location, 498-2576
CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA; Symphony Rising, May 26; Musgrave, Prokofiev, & Brahms, June 2, 900 Howe Ave., 2nd Floor, 929-6655
CASTRO THEATRE; Sing-A-Long Sound of Music, Apr. 26, June 29-July 7; 429 Castro St., 510-601-TWEB, 415 621-6120
CHAUTAUQUA CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE; The Fat Cat, Apr. 28-May 26; 5325 Engle Rd., Carm., 489-7259
CHAUTAUQUA PLAYHOUSE; The Diary Of Anne Frank, Apr. 20-May 26; 5325 Engle Rd., Carm., 489-7259
CITY THEATRE; The Importance Of Being Earnest, Apr. 20-May 19; 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228
THE CREST THEATRE; Marianne Williamson, Apr. 18; Leo Kortke, May 4; This Valley, May 9; 1013 K St., 442-7378, thecrest.com
CURRAN THEATRE; Contact, May 15-June 24; 445 Geary, SF, 415-512-7770
FOOTHILL THEATRE COMPANY; Fair Use, May 1-27; Resident Alien, June 14-Aug. 19; The Comedy of Errors & The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Aug. 31-Sept. 23; Wait Until Dark, Sept. 27-Oct. 28; The Secret Garden, Nov. 15-Dec. 30; location varies, 530-265-9320, 888-730-8587
GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE; Move Over Mrs. Morkham, thru Apr. 29; Swingtime Canten, May 4-June 24; Whodunit?, July 20-Sept. 2; The Fantastics, Sept. 7-Oct. 28; Forever Plaid, opens Nov. 20; Hwy 50 at Hazel Ave., 985-6361
THE LAMBDA PLAYERS; Opening Lines, thru Apr. 28; Lesbian Laugh Fest, May 12; Beautiful Thing, June 15-30; location varies, 484-4742
MAGIC THEATRE; House Of Luck, Apr. 29; Silence, thru May 13; Bldg. D Ft. Mason Center, SF, 415-441-8822
MAIN STREET THEATRE WORKS; The Road To Mecca, May 4-June 2; Stage Fright, Sept. 7-Oct. 6; The Taming of the Shrew, Nov. 2-Dec. 1; Sutter Creek Theatre, 44 Main St., 209-267-5680
MARINES MEMORIAL THEATRE; Stomp, thru June 15; 609 Sutter St., SF, 877-771-6900
ORCHESTRA OF ST. CECILIA; Corey Cerovsek, May 19; Carla Trynchuk, Nov. 18; First United Methodist Church, 989-9789
OPHRHEUM THEATRE; Saturday Night Fever-The Musical, thru May 6; RENT, June 5-July 5; 1192 Market St., SF, 415-551-2000
PAMELA TROKANSKI DANCE THEATRE; registration for Spring II Session, Apr. 2-June 16; 911 3rd St., Davis, 530-756-3949
PEGASUS THEATRE COMPANY; Marvin's Room, thru Apr. 28; Pegasus Hall, 20347 Hwy. 116, Monte Rio, 707-522-9043
RIVER STAGE; The Chicago Conspiracy Trial, thru Apr. 22; How I Learned To Drive, July 7-22; La Rios Community College District, 8401 Center Pkwy., 691-7364
SACRAMENTO BALLET COMPANY; New Works Series: Modern Masters of CSUS, May 3-6; Community Center Theatre, 1631 K St., 552-5800
SACRAMENTO MASTER SINGERS; Reflections of Light, Apr. 28-29; First United Methodist Church, 2100 J St., 338-0300
SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY; We Are Family, thru May 13; 1419 H St., 443-6722
SAN FRANCISCO JAZZ; Gert Allen, Apr. 20; Marcus Roberts, Apr. 21-22; Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Apr. 22; Ray Brown Trio and Christian McBride Band, May 25; Dave Holland Quintet and Mingus Amungus, May 26; Mingus Amungus, May 27; Joshua Redman and Christian McBride Duo, May 27; location varies, 415-398-6565, sfjazz.org
SAN FRANCISCO OPERA COMPANY; Rigoletto, Sept. 7-29; Arshak II (Arsace II), Sept. 8-30; Samson Et Dalila, Sept. 22-Oct. 14; Die Meistersinger Von Nurnberg, Oct. 10-28; Tosca, Oct. 23-Jan. 20; Falstaff, Nov. 1-24; Jenova, Nov. 19-Dec. 9; The Merry Widow, Nov. 27-Jan. 19; Carmen, June 8-July 6; Madame Butterfly, June 9-July 5; Giulio Cesare, June 19-July 7; War Memorial Opera House, 455 Franklin St., SF, 415-861-3330, sfopera.com
T STREET THEATRE; Julius Caesar, Apr. 26-May 5; 4623 T St., 264-8890
THE STUDIO THEATRE; Six Women With Brain Death, ongoing, 8pm; 1028 R St., 446-2668
THEATER ARTAUD; Uprising: Unity for Change, Apr. 20-28; 450 Florida St., SF, 415-621-7797
THEATRE RHINOCEROS; The P.A. Cooley Show, thru May 13; Suzanne Westenhoefer, Apr. 27-28; 2926 16th St., SF, 415-370-5544
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UC DAVIS PRESENTS; Carnegie Hall Jazz Band with Jon Faddis, Apr. 23; Cornel West: Scholar And Activist, Apr. 25; Mapapa African Acrobats, Apr. 29; Rovenshead, May 8; Wydiffe Gordon Quartet, May 11; The Saint Lawrence String Quartet, May 17; Afro-Cuban All Stars, June 7; location varies, 530-757-3199
THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE; Sing Into Spring, Apr. 22; Foxfire, May 25-June 16; Youth Summer Theatre Camp, June 18-July 22; Who's In Bed with the Butler?, Aug. 31-Sept. 23; Guys and Dolls, Oct. 19-Nov. 18; The Heiress, Feb. 1-24; Eleanor, An American Love Story, Apr. 5-28; Corpse!, May 24-June 16; 340 Second St., Woodland, 530-666-9617

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DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS VOCALIZING AFFIRMATIVELY REHEARSAL, 7pm, United Methodist Church, 1620 Anderson Rd., Davis, c_kitinoja@yahoo.com

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, literary ice cream social, 6:30pm, call for location, 451-7191

LAMBDA CENTER YOUTH GROUP, 7:30pm, 1927 L St., 442-0185

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NOW CONFERENCE, Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, 300 J St., 443-3470

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FRIDAY

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FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, 7:30pm, Central United Methodist Church Social Hall, 5265 H St., 987-6614

LAMBDA CENTER YOUTH GROUP, 7:30pm, 1927 L St., 442-0185

LAVENDER LIBRARY, ARCHIVES & CULTURAL EXCHANGE, National Poetry Month Celebration, 1414 21st St. Soc., 7pm, 763-0236

NOW CONFERENCE, Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, 300 J St., 443-3470

R.E.A.L. YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, 6pm, Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., Suite 321, 447-2437

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SATURDAY

CENTER FOR AIDS PREVENTION STUDIES CONFERENCE, 8am, Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St., SF, sfadent.com

DAVIS COMMUNITY CHURCH, Shower of Stoles Project, 2pm, 421 D St., Davis, 530-753-2894

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION, 9am, Mother Regional Park, Eagles Nest Rd., 875-0931

FRONTRUNNERS & FRONTWALKERS FUN RUN, 9am, Guy West Bridge at CSUS, 974-8199

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, snowshoe dayhike, location to be announced, 524-1535, 663-3560

LAMBDA CAFE, 8pm, 1927 L St., 442-0185

EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, Wild Neighbors, 1:30pm, 6700 Tashes Dr., Carm., 489-4918

LAMBDA PLAYERS, "Opening Lines" by Tom Swanner, 8pm, Geery Theatre

NOW FILM SCREENING, Live Nude Girls Unite, 8pm, Crest Theatre, 1013 K St., 443-3470

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PALMS, Mumbo Gumbo, 7pm & 9:30pm, 726 Drummond, Davis, 530-9901

PERENNIAL PLANT CLUB SALE, 9am, Curtis Hall, 2791 24th St., 530-626-7021

RSSIAN RIVER RESORT COMEDY NIGHT, Marilyn Pittman, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

SAC. HERITAGE FESTIVAL, INC., Anthony Gomes, Blue Lamp Lounge, Alhambra Blvd. & N St. Soc., 8:30pm, 481-2583

SACWN MEETING, 6pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

SF JAZZ, Meet the Masters: pianist Geri Allen, 2:30pm, SFUSD Knuth Hall, College of Creative Arts, 415-398-5655

Voice of the Valley A CAPELA CHOIR, 7pm, Natomas Park Elementary School, 4700 Crest, Natomas, 487-7000

YOLO COUNTY WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 6pm, Memorial Union Fielder Rm., University of CA, Davis, pawhelen@ucdavis.edu

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SUNDAY

EARTH DAY

ANIMAL PLACE OPEN HOUSE, 10am, 3448 Laguna Creek Trail, Vacaville, 707-449-4814, AnimalPlace.org

BACW DINE-OUT, call for location, 415-883-3206

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, pianist Marc-Henri Aubert, 3pm, 216 O St., 264-5423

CSUS EARTH DAY CELEBRATION, 11am, 6000 J St., 484-4644

DAVIS COMMUNITY CHURCH, Shower of Stoles Project, speaker Martha Jullerat, 10am, 421 D St., Davis, 530-753-2894

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EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, Habitat Improvement, 8pm, 6700 Tashes Dr., Carm., 967-0777

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, mountain biking at Olmstead Loop, 421-6209

LILACE, Oral History Project workshop, 2pm, 1414 21st St., 492-0558

NAT. ORG. FOR WOMEN, Emergency March For Women's Lives, 11am, Senate Park, Washington DC, 202-628-8669 ext. 0

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PALMS, Laura Love & Jennifer Todd, 7:30pm, 726 Drummond, Davis, 530-756-9901

TRET FURE, 2pm, call for location, 372-2864

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MONDAY

AMER. RIVER COLLEGE THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT AUDITIONS, men and women for "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum," 7pm, Veteran's Memorial Amphitheatre, Fair Oaks Village, 966-3683

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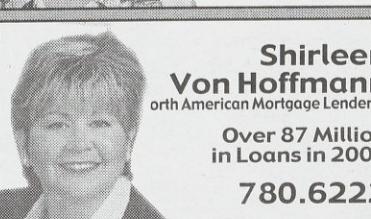
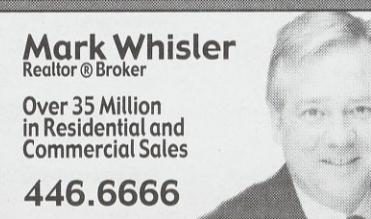
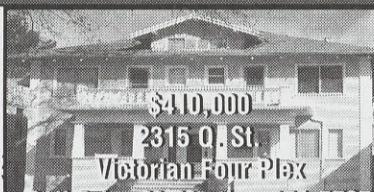
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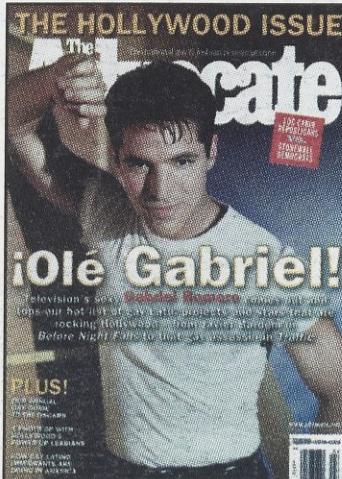
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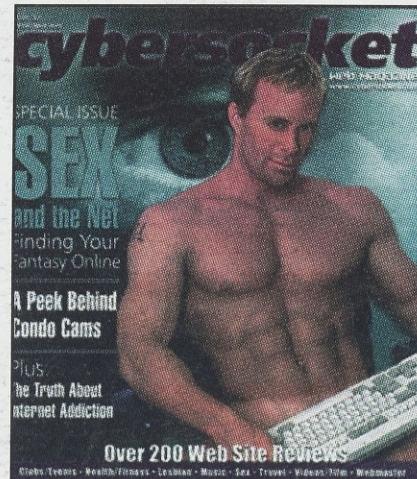
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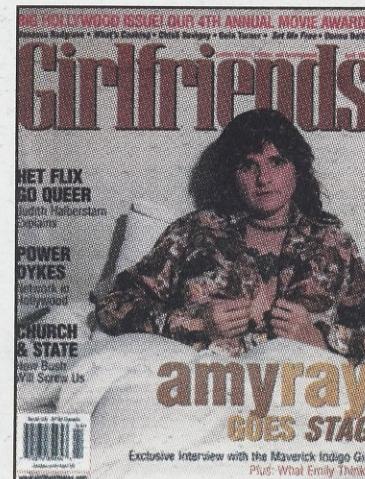
COLUMNIST JAFFE CHOEN debates whether all Hollywood actors are gay or straight. Boy Scouts of America seeks government support after losing non-profit organization financial support. Jim Kolbe, the only openly gay Republican in Congress, may seek the Governor's office in 2002. Democratic National Party Chairman Terry McAuliffe attempts to build an inclusive political party. The Food and Drug Administration approved the Night Light, a glow in the dark condom. Bisexual Latino actor Gabriel Romero spills his history to Alonso Duralde. Power Up!, a group for Hollywood lesbians, poses for a photo session. ▼



Cybersocket Web Magazine

March/April 2001, Issue 3.2. Info. 323-650-9906, cybersocket.com.

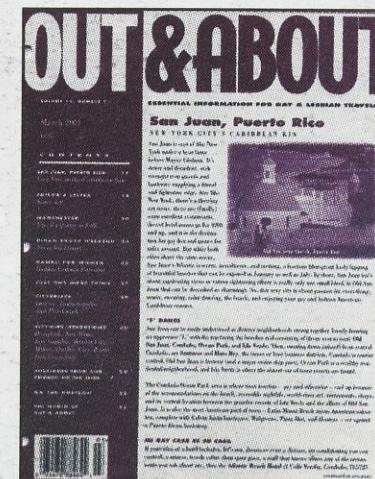
Editor Victor Evans introduces Cybersocket's sex issue. Daniel Kaufman offers tips to find true love – or a lovely fling – on the internet. Len Whitney covers web cameras and 21st century voyeurism. Cyber Surgeon Blakey St. John helps webmasters cure their sites. Macromedia Dreamweaver 4, Blueroom's Minipod Speakers, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Bush Watch site, and perfume manufacturer MisterCO are evaluated. Chris Carlson examines the role of rodeos in the GLBT community. ▼



Girlfriends

April 2001. Info. girlfriendsmag.com.

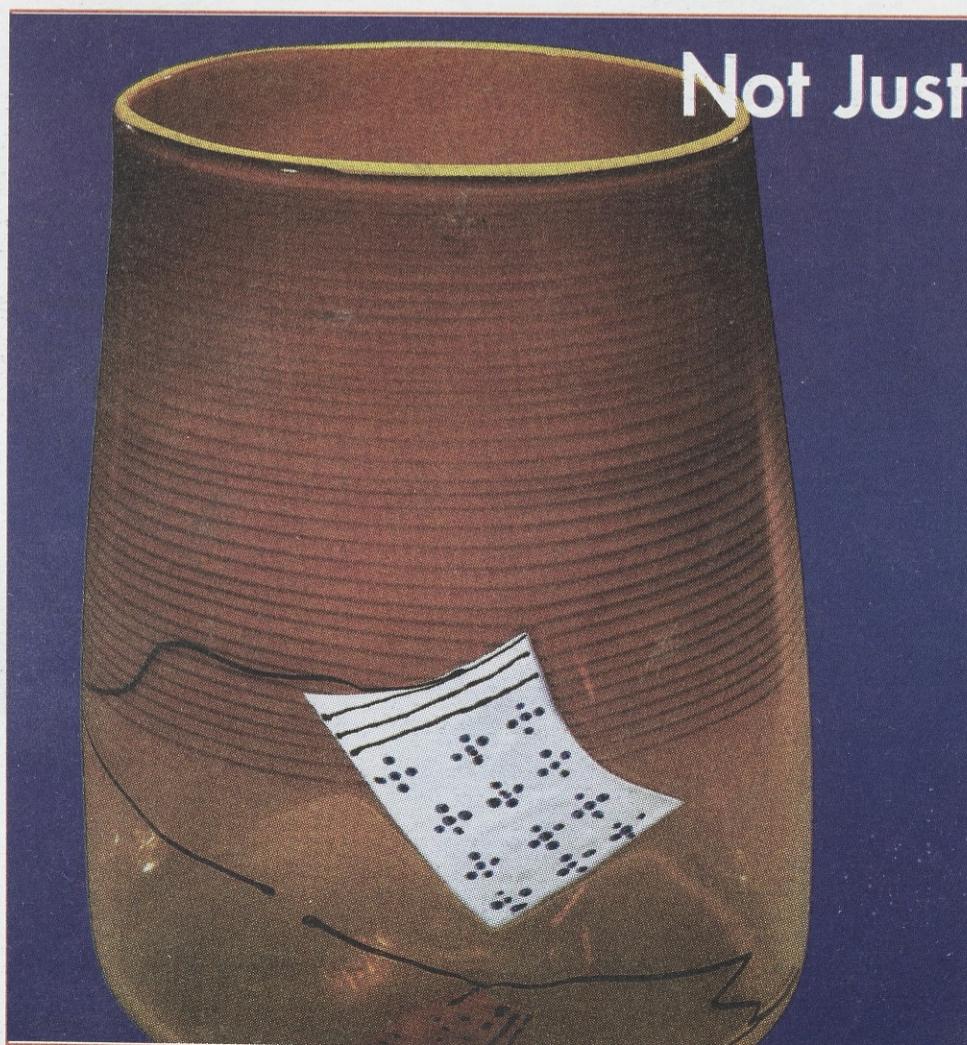
Indigo Girl Amy Ray goes stag and takes the front cover. Rebecca McBride photographed three models for a slumber party underwear feature. Hollywood producers K. Pearson Brown, Stacy Codikow, and Amy Shomer discuss Power Up!. Sapphos 2001 Movie Awards are reviewed. Playwright Sarah Brown covers Santa Fe's lesbian-friendly atmosphere. ▼



Out & About

March 2001. Info. 415-486-2591, outandabout.com.

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Not Just

Another Pretty Basket

MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA – Fascinated by the sea, artist Dale Chihuly finds inspiration for color and design in exquisite forms, pushing the limits of molten glass. The fluid shape and ribbed pattern common in his Seaform series is produced during the early stages of glass-blowing.

The Larkspur Seaform Pair with Gold Lip Wraps features two large nested rippled-edged forms. The basket is highlighted with a golden yellow lip wrap. The set is handblown and measures approximately seven by twelve inches.

Chihuly's baskets will be at the Crocker Art Museum (216 O Street) through June 3. Info. 264-5423, crockerartmuseum.org. ▼

Dale Chihuly, Red Blanket Cylinder, 2000.